

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-7, 10-15, 17 and 18 are pending.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended. In the Office Action mailed 3/30/05, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13-15 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and claims 10-12, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) citing Klass (US 5,917,355) as the relied upon reference. However, the Examiner only objected to claims 3 and 16 and did note that these claims contained allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 13 and submits that claims 1 and 13 now contain allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. The other independent claims 19 and 21 have been canceled.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests for the withdrawal of the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as well as the withdrawal of the objection, and Applicant submits that the pending claims 1, 4-7, 10-15, 17 and 18 are in condition for allowance.

Since the end of the first extension period was on a Saturday, this response is being mailed, with a petition and fee for one-month extension of time, on Monday, August 1, 2005, still within the permitted first extension period.

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